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1500 Hours

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PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 29

One BRASS KNOB [REDACTED]  
Preliminary analysis of aerial photography from this mission reveals the following items of interest:

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1. HAVANA PORT

At least 32 freighters, one passenger vessel, one patrol frigate, two patrol craft, and numerous small craft visible. No military equipment observed. Scattered clouds limit detailed interpretation.

2. CATBARIEN PORT

No large vessels observed in port. The 4 concrete arches reported on [REDACTED] are still present in the railyard. Numerous trenches have been constructed south and southeast of the city.

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3. CARDENAS PORT

No vessels visible. Heavy cloud cover limits detailed interpretation.

4. SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT

Two freighters observed at the pier at north end of the harbor, and numerous small craft throughout the harbor. Cloud cover precludes further detailed interpretation.

5. MATANZAS PORT

One freighter observed in port. Shipping crates previously reported on Dubrocq Wharf remain, but cloud cover precludes count. No unusual activity noted on access roads.

6. MARIEL NAVAL PORT

Vessels in port include 3 freighters, 7 KOMOR-class PGMG, 4 PT, 2 PF (one TACOMA-class), and numerous small craft. Four missile erectors noted on Mariel City Pier, but no other apparent changes on Mariel City or La Boca Piers since [REDACTED]

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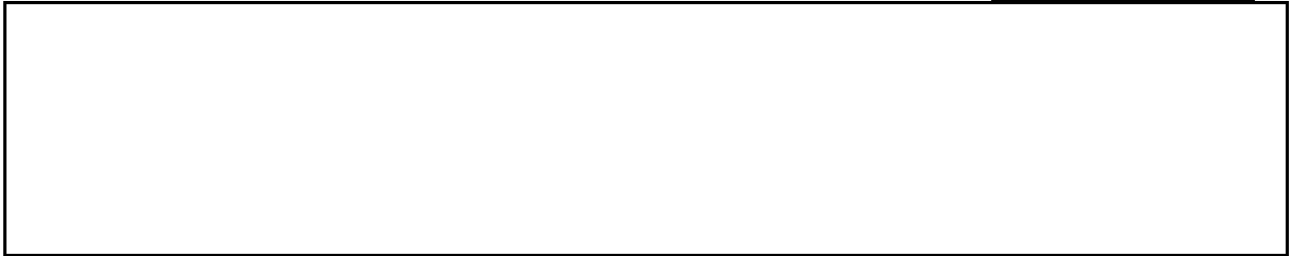
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7. HOLGUIN AIRFIELD

Total of 7 aircraft observed including 4 FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 liaison-type, 25X1D  
and one CRATE. No fuselage crates noted. Information is incomplete due 25X1B  
to scattered clouds. No apparent change in facilities since [REDACTED]



9. REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

Total of 274 vehicles observed including 232 trucks, 41 canvas-covered tanks, and one missile transporter. Four of the 12 barracks under construction appear to be complete and the others are in various stages of completion. The 8-gun AAA battery appears to be occupied.

10. HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP

Approximately 200 miscellaneous vehicles/equipment and 45 tanks observed. Sixty large and 120 medium and small tents are also visible. The 6-gun AAA position appears to be occupied but the operational status of the 9-gun AAA position is undetermined due to poor image quality.

11. MAYARI ARriba, MILITARY INSTALLATION

Cloud cover precludes interpretation.

STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of [REDACTED] is complete. Results are being published in NPIC/R-1120/62.

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